

COMMENT OF
THE DAY

Middle East
Defence

THE Middle East Defence
Organisation, whose
Council has just completed
a two-day conference in
Baghdad, is primarily
designed as yet another
perimeter bulwark against
Communist expansion --
military or economic.

Up to this week MEDO, as it is known, has been little more than a paper organisation. Now decisions have been reached which will give substance to the pact. Permanent military and political committees have been established to defend the Middle East against aggression and to develop technical assistance for the region. The solidarity of purpose was one of the most heartening features of the Baghdad conference.

From Mr Harold Macmillan came an appealing proposal for safeguarding Turkey, Pakistan, Persia and Iraq from Communist economic penetration -- the alliance of the technical skills of the West with the natural resources of the Middle East. Put into effect this would spell high prosperity for the associated countries and would render futile the exploitation of Communist propaganda.

THE general proposal has still to be converted into a detailed blueprint, but that it was unanimously accepted in principle is a satisfactory first step towards its realisation. The economic development of the Middle East in which science and technology combines in the work of realising the fullest value of the region's productive potential is essential. This is the surest way of the Middle East countries achieving a stable and permanent economy.

The military aspect of the pact is rather more complex. Three Arab countries are members of MEDO, but one of them -- Iraq -- has other commitments to the inter-Arab defence treaty -- an organisation comprising the eight-nation Arab League. And the Arab League has not looked with much favour on the creation of the Middle East Defence Organisation.

Clearly Iraq will have to walk warily in her military obligations to MEDO lest these are considered by the Arab League to conflict with her commitments under the Arab Defence Treaty.

NOR is that the only consideration. Iraq, as an Arab nation, must support the Arabs in any conflict with Israel, and this contingency was plainly in the minds of all the delegates at the Baghdad conference. Iraq, as strongly as the other participants, urged moderation on the part of Egypt and Israel, for nothing is more calculated to embarrass Iraq's position in MEDO than full-scale hostilities between Israel and Egypt.

While there is good cause for satisfaction over the Middle East Defence Organisation coming into being, its weakness is that it is not fully representative. The interests of the Arab nations in general are no less vulnerable to Communist aggression than those of the MEDO signatories. Despite this, knowledge that the majority of the Arab countries have held aloof from MEDO, preferring to rely on their own strength, inadequate though it be, both economically and militarily. This is the weak link in the Middle East defence chain. It is not necessarily a fatal one, but it is going to be exploited to the full by Russia, and its existence cannot be regarded with equanimity by the Middle East Defence Organisation.

Tory Peer Warns House Of Lords: We Must Beware Of.... A 'FIFTH COLUMN' IN BRITAIN

BURGESS MACLEAN DEBATE

London, Nov. 22. Britain has a dedicated Communist 'Fifth column' with no standards of honour, no patriotism and no possibility of compromise, Lord Astor warned the House of Lords tonight.

Lord Astor, 48-year-old Conservative peer was speaking in a debate on the British diplomats Guy Burgess and Donald Maclean who vanished behind the Iron curtain in 1951.

He said it was "remarkable" that the British people had been so slow in realising the theory and importance of Communism. Lord Astor urged the strictest security measures even if it meant preventing people leaving the country.

DRUNKEN BRAWLS

He alleged that Maclean was involved in drunken brawls in London with former left-wing friends because they had changed their opinions.

He said that Maclean, who disappeared from Britain in May 1951 with Guy Burgess, used to go out in the evening and get "disgracefully drunk" at a certain London club.

"He twice engaged in drunken brawls with former left-wing friends in one of which they were rolling on the floor," he said.

PLANE INCIDENT

Lord Astor said this happened after Maclean's "drunken conduct" in Cairo.

He was surprised that after this he should have been appointed head of the American department in the Foreign Office.

"Did the Foreign Office know of this conduct and tolerate it or were they ignorant?" he asked.

"Everybody knows there was no incident but a good many," Lord Astor said.

He said a member of the women's services happened to find herself in an aeroplane in Egypt with Maclean and his "behaviour towards her in various ways was extremely rude and unpleasant."

CAIRO AFFAIR

Lord Reading Minister of State for Foreign Affairs said of Maclean's social activities in London: "I dare say Maclean went to a number of parties. It may be true that he did indulge in certain drunken bouts."

"But most certainly we did not know."

Lord Reading also admitted that the Foreign Office did not know at the time the diplomats disappeared that Maclean had had a "drunken bout" when in Cairo.

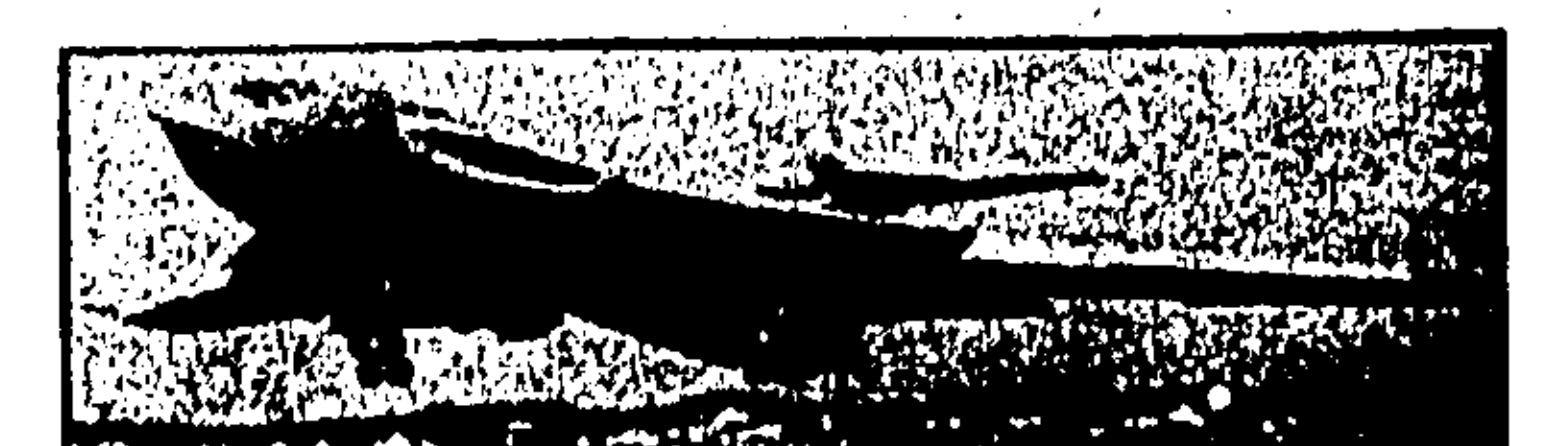
The full details were not known at the time to the ambassador at Cairo. Consequently they were not reported to the Foreign Office he said. Nor were they known prior to Maclean's disappearance.

NEEDED TREATMENT

The ambassador considered Maclean had been overworking very considerably and that a moment had arrived "signalled by this particular bout of drinking and some 'violence' when he ought to have medical treatment."

For that reason he was sent home for treatment in the hope he might be cured. -- Reuter.

"ONE AND A HALF VICTORS..."



WE NEED MORE "WINNERS" SAYS MR WIGG

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

London, Nov. 22.

Britain should revolutionise her aircraft industry and "team up" with America to cut waste, a Socialist MP said in Parliament today.

He was Mr George Wigg, former Parliamentary Private Secretary to the Minister for War in the Attlee Government.

Mr Wigg asked the Minister for Supply, Mr Duncan Sandys, how much money had been spent on 11 types of civil aircraft -- including the giant Princess flying boat, the Vickers 1000 jet airliner and certain marks of the Comets which had been scrapped before they could be put into large-scale production.

The answer was: almost £20 million. And that figure is a "net development cost".

Mr Wigg estimates the actual cost to the taxpayer for the whole operation is more than twice that amount.

GENERATION BEHIND

As a result, these failures -- and parallel failures in military aircraft -- have left Britain "a generation behind the Americans".

Mr Wigg believes the pinch will be felt soon by BOAC which will be left with the fast but short-range Comet IV and the long-range but slow Bristol Britannia.

With those they will have a complete with the long-range fast Douglas and Boeing jets for which orders have already been taken.

Overseas airlines which have planned their faith on British aircraft may suffer in the same way -- and British aircraft exports are bound to suffer.

In addition, says Mr Wigg, the Royal Air Force is paralysed by military aircraft failures and the prospects are not bright. He blames the lack of co-ordination in the aircraft industry for the failures.

NOT POLITICAL

"This is not a political issue. The answers (given by the minister) showed, as I fully realised, that there were just as many failures under the Socialist Government."

"The trouble is simply that Britain has too many aircraft firms trying to do too much."

He quoted the Victor jet bomber as an example. "We have just one and a half Victors. Even if we decided that that was the best aircraft in the world."

Bodyguard For Governor

London, Nov. 22. A personal bodyguard for the Governor of Cyprus, Sir John Harding, and policemen for special service in the British island colony, will be recruited in London soon.

Four of the men will form the Governor's bodyguard. -- China Mail Special.

WAR HERO SAFECRACKER GETS 10 YEARS' HARD

Edinburgh, Nov. 22.

A safecracker who turned commando to open Hermann Goering's Luftwaffe headquarters safe in World War II was sent back to gaol today for practising his craft in peacetime.

The skill that brought John Ramsey, 30, the prize of Allied intelligence chiefs 10 years ago brought him a 10-year sentence in the High Court today.

Ramsey parachuted behind enemy lines many times during the war to blast open safes and lift secret enemy war plans. One of his victims was Goering, the Nazi air chief.

He began his life of crime as a "cat burglar." Then he found crowbars and nitroglycerine more useful.

His skill at blowing safes was so great that he became known in both the underworld and among the Edinburgh police.

HOOR OF TRIUMPH

His arrests brought him a total of 30 years in prison. It was during one of these stretches, in 1942, that the police suggested that Johnny go straight and use his talents towards winning the war.

During the advance on Rome, Allied leaders wanted a look at secret Axis withdrawal plans. So he parachuted behind the lines, cracked the enemy commando's "top secret safe" and came back with the blueprint.

But his real hour of triumph came when he got into Luftwaffe headquarters and cracked Goering's massive safe.

It was a different story when he was arrested for cracking a safe in Glasgow recently, taking a puny £180 in cash and 30 suitcases in stamps.

The war hero pleaded for leniency but the law was firm. The judge said: "From your conduct and history, you cannot be trusted to abstain from crime." -- United Press.

BRITISH TRAFFIC LAWS BEING CHANGED

"Sensible" Drunks May Be Let Off

London, Nov. 22.

The British law may make things easier in future for the motorist who, having had too much to drink, realises this and turns over the control of his car to someone else.

Mr John Boyd-Carpenter, Minister of Transport, has put forward a new clause for the Road Traffic Bill, now passing through Parliament, which deals with this point.

The clause provides that a motorist shall not be convicted of an offence merely through having had too much to drink if he can prove two things, namely: (1) That at the time when the offence is charged as having been committed,

circumstances were such that there was no likelihood of his driving the vehicle so long as he remained unfit to do so; and (2) That between becoming unfit to drive and the time at which the offence was alleged to have been committed, he had not driven the vehicle on a road or other public place.

Public uneasiness has recently been expressed over cases where motorists are found they are still liable to be convicted even though, after taking too much to drink, they pass over the keys of their car to someone who is sober and fit to drive. -- China Mail Special.

ISRAEL'S WARNING TO EGYPT: 'STOP SHOOTING...OR ELSE'

Jerusalem, Nov. 22.

Israel today served a warning on Egypt to stop its acts of hostility.

Foreign Ministry spokesman Michael Elitzur said: "It is becoming clearer that Egypt is bent on aggression."

He quoted incidents during the last 30 hours to back up his statement. He said in that period Egyptian Army forces launched four attacks against Israeli troops and civilians in the demilitarised zone of Nitzana. An Israeli outpost near Kisufim was attacked from across the border by machine gun fire.

21 TIMES

"This morning two Egyptian posts again opened fire on an Israeli post in the Kisufim area. This followed a chain of Egyptian provocative attacks... during the ceasefire reached on Nov. 4. In less than three weeks since then Egyptian military positions attacked Israeli posts and patrols with automatic and artillery fire on 21 occasions.

"During the same period there were twelve incursions by Egyptian military planes into Israeli territory. At the same time Egyptian Army representatives in other Arab states, particularly Jordan, have been organising and conducting military raids against Israel."

STOP PRESS

Cricket Latest

After a brilliant recovery this morning, Malaysia, in their second innings against Combined Services, endured a startling collapse, losing five wickets for 28 runs.

At lunch, Malays were 169 for the loss of one wicket. In less than 20 minutes after lunch the score was 197 for six. Burton was out for 91 and Webb for 44.

Half an hour after the lunch break Malaysia had scored 248 for 6. A report of this morning's play by "Recorder" will be found on page 6.

Queen's Flying Visit To Nigeria In January

London, Nov. 22.

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will leave London on January 27 for their three-week flying visit to Nigeria, Buckingham Palace announced tonight.

The Palace announcement said they would return to London on February 17. Both journeys would be by air.

A spokesman for the British Overseas Airways Corporation said later that the flights would be made in one of the Corporation's Argonaut airliners.

FIRST VISIT
A more detailed programme for the Royal tour will be issued in the near future.

It will be the first visit to Nigeria by a reigning British monarch.

The first announcement of the Queen's decision to visit Nigeria was made last month.

The last Royal visit to Nigeria was in 1923 when the Duke of Windsor, uncle of the Queen, spent several days here as Prince of Wales.

LARGEST TERRITORY
Nigeria is Britain's largest colonial territory. It covers an area, including part of the Cameroons, of 373,000 square miles.

The population is more than 31,000,000, composed chiefly of Africans with a minority of Europeans, Americans and Lebanese. -- Reuter.

Six Killed In Carrier Mishap

Washington, Nov. 22.

Six men were killed and one was seriously injured when a fighter plane crashed out of control down the deck of the aircraft carrier Ticonderoga last night, the Navy announced today.

The accident occurred in the Mediterranean, where the Ticonderoga is operating with the Sixth Fleet.

The Navy said an F-2H Banshee plane, piloted by Ensign Oils Lightner, was making a landing on the carrier after a night navigation flight.

When its tail hook failed to engage an arresting wire, the plane bounced over a barricade, careened down the deck and over the bow, striking eight men on the deck.

The pilot was picked out of the water 20 minutes later by a motor whaleboat. He suffered only scratches and bruises and was not seriously injured. -- United Press.

Two Killed By Falling Boulder

Two men were killed and two injured -- one seriously -- when a 70-ton boulder crashed down on a lorry taking sand from a hillside in the process of demolition at Taiwan Hill Road, near Matauiwei Road, Hunghom, this morning.

The lorry had backed up to the hill to take on sand when the huge boulder crashed down without warning.

It crushed the lorry and with it the driver, while another man was buried beneath the stone. Both men are dead.

Other boulders and a considerable quantity of earth were dislodged and they seriously injured one man, while another was superficially hurt.

With Love From..?

London, Nov. 22.

A bank today received a mysterious parcel containing enough strychnine and cyanide to kill 200 people.

There was no return address on the parcel, which contained two bottles of deadly poison.

Mr J. M. Taylor, manager of the Bank (Northumberland Avenue branch of the Standard Bank of South Africa), said he could not imagine why the poison was mailed to the bank. -- United Press.

Nasser For Sofia

Cairo, Nov. 22.

Egyptian Premier Gamal Nasser has accepted an invitation from the Bulgarian Government to visit Sofia. It was announced tonight. The date of the visit will be arranged later. -- France-Press.

LOST AT SEA FOR SEVEN HOURS

Capetown, Nov. 22.

Skipper Ora Hansen, 36, of Tonsberg, Norway, who arrived in Capetown yesterday aboard the whale catcher Setter IX, is one of the luckiest men alive today.

When the Setter IX was two days out of Dakar last week, he fell overboard and swam round for more than seven hours before he was picked up in pitch darkness by his own vessel.

Hansen fell overboard at about 9 o'clock but he was found to be missing only at 11.30 p.m. A thorough search of the ship was made but he could not be found.

The crew then realised he must have fallen overboard, and the ship was turned round.

One of the men threw him a line, but the skipper, who had been more than seven hours in the water, ignored it, and clambered aboard his vessel unaided, at about 4.30 a.m. Although he was exhausted after his long swim, he made a quick recovery. -- France-Press.

MOON LAND SALES LEGAL? A.G. TO INQUIRE

New York, Nov. 22.

A company in Glen Cove, Long Island, today was opened for business selling land on the moon for one dollar an acre, but the State Attorney General announced that he took a dim view of the enterprise and was investigating its legality.

For a fee of one dollar, buyers received a deed to an acre of land on the "Copernicus Crater" of the moon.

the moon, with fishing and hunting rights and winter sports facilities, but not including subsoil rights like uranium.

A brochure describing the marvels of the moon, and a map permitting the buyer to take a look at his property through a telescope.

The enterprise, which has attracted the attention of the State, has already had 4,500 clients.

Headed by Mr Robert R. Cole, former President of the Hayden Planetarium, the company is called the Society for Interplanetary Development.

Mr Cole registered the company legally in the Glen Cove Town Hall. He and his associates claimed property rights not only on the Copernicus Crater but on the entire surface of the moon. -- Reuter.

Mr Cole said he hoped to be one of the first travellers to the moon sometime in the next 10 years.

He admitted his enterprise had its humorous side, but he said it was a serious enough affair, and compared it to the historic sales of land in Texas and the Klondike.

The State Attorney General is not sure about this. -- France-Press.

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Israel's Appeal For Security Pact Certain Of Rejection According To Diplomats

Washington, Nov. 22. The United States will reject—at least for the present—Israel's urgent plea for a security pact, diplomats said today. Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett issued a public appeal for the treaty yesterday in an address before the National Press Club.

But diplomats said the United States now considers the 1956 US-British-French declaration on the Middle East a adequate protection for the Jewish state against possible attack from her Arab neighbors.

That declaration said the three would "take action" in concert with their United Nations obligations to prevent border violations.

In arguing for the necessity of a security treaty, Mr. Sharett said, "That buttressing of Israel's security would not only meet the present emergency but would, by discouraging counsels of aggression, pave the way for lasting peace."

Clear Warning

However, diplomatic officials said the 1956 declaration should be clear warning to either side considering open aggression. They said the United States has repeatedly pointed to the declaration during the recent Israeli-Arab outbreaks in an effort to reaffirm the three-power pledge.

The United States meanwhile is working to get both parties in the bitter Middle Eastern controversy to work out an arrangement settling boundaries. When permanent boundaries are agreed upon, the United States will be willing to join a treaty guaranteeing them.

Mr. Sharett left the door open for agreeing on boundaries when he indicated Israel may be willing to make some minor border adjustments. But he flatly ruled out any major territorial concessions to the Arab nations.

Practical Basis

"The only practical and fair basis for a peace settlement as far as territory is concerned, is the maintenance of the status quo—with or without certain agreed adjustments of the line for the mutual benefit of both sides," he said.—United Press.

POUJADE LOSES LEADERSHIP

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LEE Theatre

THIS THEATRE IS CLOSED TEMPORARILY FOR RENOVATION

Watch for the re-opening date!

In Tel-Aviv, shots were exchanged between four Egyptian soldiers who penetrated into Israeli territory near Beer-Sheva in the demilitarized Israeli-Egyptian border zone and an Israeli police patrol, an Israeli army spokesman reported this evening.

He said that Egyptian soldiers opened fire first and withdrew over the border when the patrol returned the fire. The spokesman added that there were no casualties on the Israeli side.—Reuter and France-Press.

Democracy May Cause Headache For Spaniards

Paris, Nov. 22. The Quai d'Orsay indicated today that the installation in French Morocco of a democratic government might raise new problems for the Spanish zone of Morocco.

A spokesman of the French Foreign Ministry said the position of Spanish Morocco was "difficult."

"When French Morocco evolves toward international freedom, Spanish Morocco will have to do the same thing," he said.

"The installation of a Sheriffian government in Rabat will raise intricate problems for Spanish Morocco as it then must be decided whether this government also has power in the Spanish zone," the spokesman said.

He also cited an announcement in Madrid by Istijal leaders that they will fight for complete reunification of the two zones of Morocco.—United Press.

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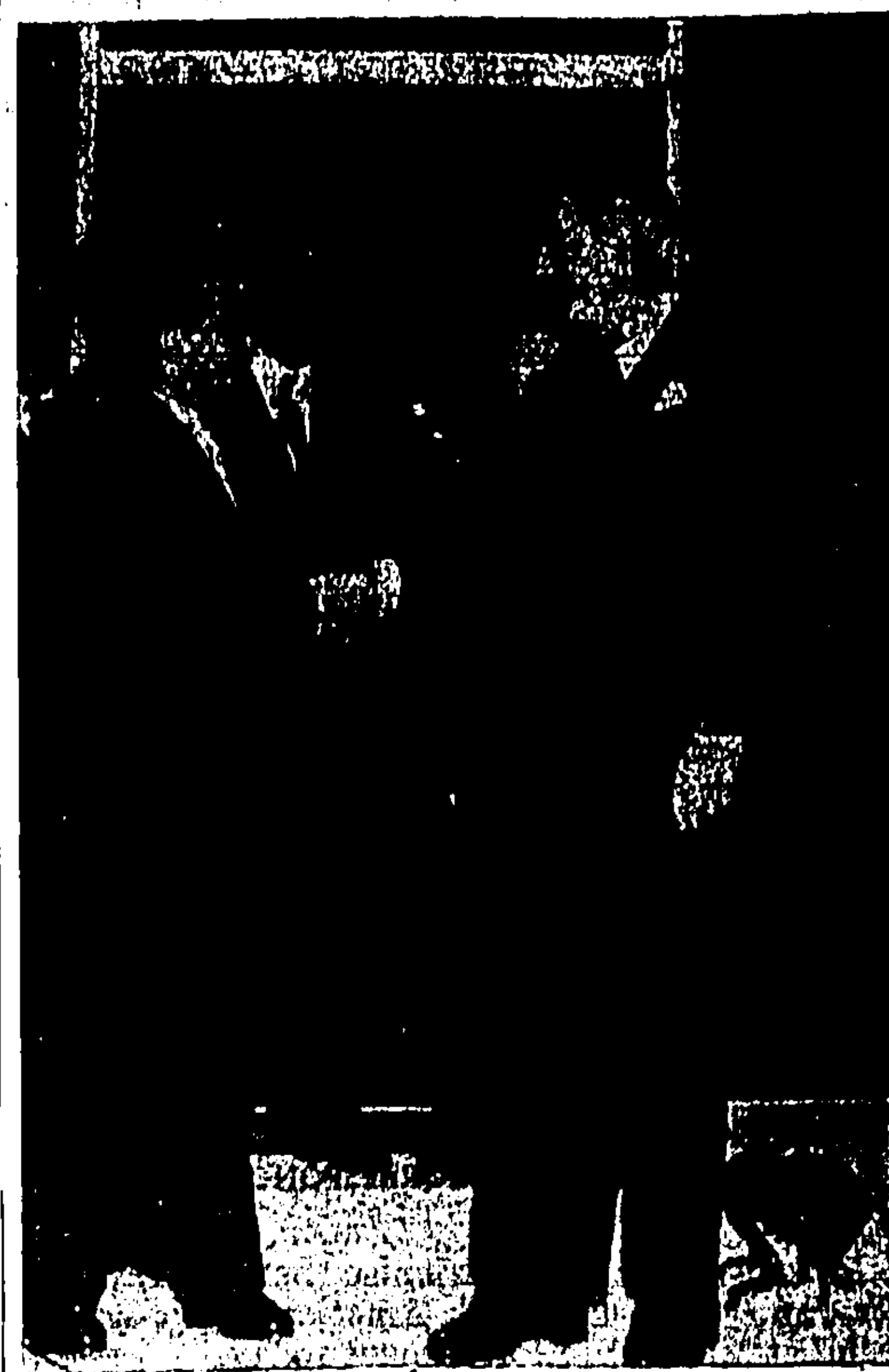
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Yugoslav Greeted At No. 10



Mr. Edvard Kardelj, the Vice-President of Yugoslavia, who was in London on a 4-day visit, paid a courtesy call on the British Prime Minister, Sir Anthony Eden, at No 10 Downing Street. Picture shows: Sir Anthony greeting Mr. Kardelj on arrival at No 10.—Express Photo.

Ike's Cabinet Could Break U.N. Deadlock

United Nations, Nov. 22. The United Nations looked today to President Eisenhower's Cabinet meeting for the lead that could break the world organization's deadlock over membership.

Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr., chief United States delegate, went to Camp David, near Thurmont, Maryland, to attend the Cabinet meeting with Mr. Eisenhower. Also at the meeting was Mr. Harold E. Stassen, Presidential aide who has represented the United States in meetings of the big powers' disarmament sub-committee.

United Nations delegates expressed belief that the United States would relent in its opposition to the admission of Outer Mongolia and thus end the five-year deadlock.

Mr. Lodge said last week that the United States believed Communist Outer Mongolia "does not make the grade" as a UN member.

Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister V. V. Kuznetsov countered with the warning that Russia would veto all 18 countries whose applications for membership are under consideration unless Outer Mongolia is included.

Significant

The deadlock has persisted despite a series of informal lunches, consultations and conversations among the delegations of the Big Four powers. It was on this note that Mr. Lodge went to the Cabinet meeting, presumably for new instructions.

Mr. Stassen's presence at Mr. Eisenhower's Cabinet meeting was also considered significant in view of the meeting of the United Nations' full Disarmament Commission summoned for tomorrow.

The Commission, made up of the Security Council and Canada, meets to consider the failure of its five-nation sub-committee and of the Big Four Foreign Ministers in their Geneva conference to reach any agreement on disarmament.—United Press.

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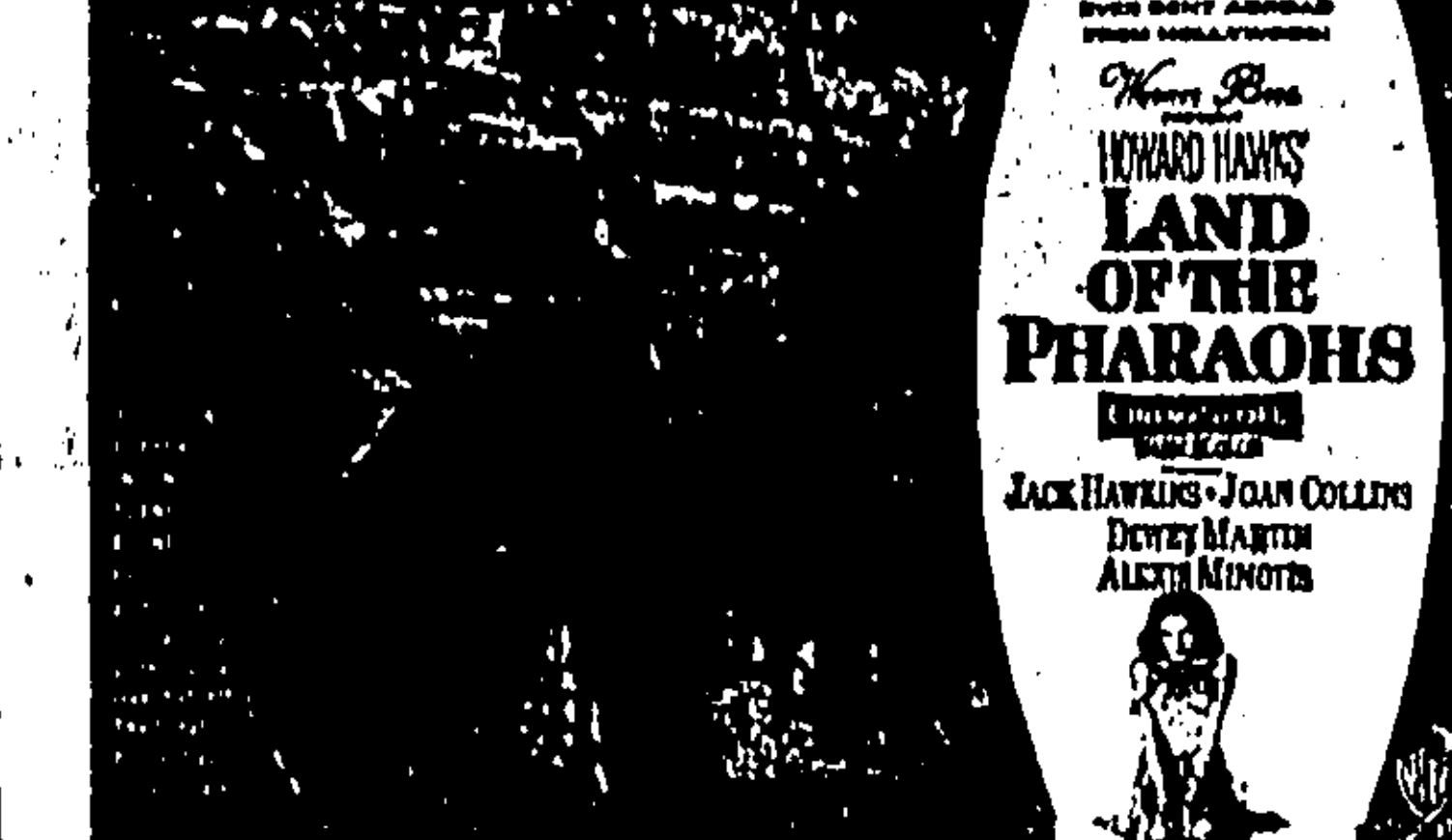
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Kremlin Leaders' Outburst Shocks West

USE OF INDIAN PARLIAMENT IS DEPLORED

By Paul Scott Rankine

Washington, Nov. 22.

Western officials here expressed themselves shocked today that Soviet leaders Nikolai Bulganin and Nikita Khrushchev should have used the Indian Parliament as a forum for the attack yesterday on the policies of Western powers who maintain friendly relations with India.

But they said they were not surprised by the substance of these charges. It had been generally anticipated that the Soviet leaders would use the failure of the second Geneva conference as the basis for a prolonged propaganda blast against the West.

They criticised the statements of Soviet Premier Bulganin about the Western powers setting back disarmament and departing from the "spirit of Geneva" charges as a cynical distortion of truth for propaganda purposes.

Nothing Official

Feeling here is that Secretary of State John Foster Dulles in his broadcast report on the nations and to the world last week fully answered such charges and placed responsibility for the unproductivity of the Geneva conference squarely on the refusal of Soviet Foreign Minister Molotov to make the slightest concessions.

No official comment is therefore being made on the Soviet leaders' charges.

In diplomatic circles it was pointed out that such statements coming from India by the Soviet leaders would not tend to increase friendship for India in the United States.

One diplomat said that the Indian Prime Minister, Mr. Nehru, should have indicated to the Soviet leaders that they should confine their remarks to Soviet-Indian relations and not use India as a platform for attacks against the West.

In New Delhi, the Hindustan Times, one of India's most influential newspapers, said today that the success of the visit by Soviet leaders will be tested by watching to see if there is any

longer lessening of world tensions.

The Times said it appreciated the "exuberance" of Mr. Khrushchev's speech which showed "the cordiality he has learned to feel towards India," but added that there were "polemical patches" which are "likely to be regarded as propaganda in several quarters."

The Soviet leader's tribute to Mahatma Gandhi's leadership—a sentiment which has not come so pointedly from any Soviet source in the past—was very friendly and gracious, said the Times editorial.

The Times said it was not necessary to entertain doubts regarding the Soviet leaders' declaration of their anxiety to co-operate with other nations in the interest of world peace, "but it is the results actually achieved that matter."

India Willing

"If the Geneva spirit is drooping, it is as much Soviet responsibility as that of any other country to explore ways and means of reviving it," the paper said. "The Government of India is naturally willing to foster closer relations between this country and the Soviet Union but the major purpose of all international friendship and co-operation is strengthening of the cause of global peace."—China Mail Special and United Press.

La Prensa Editor Returning Home

New York, Nov. 22.

Dr. Alberto Gainza Paz, editor and publisher of the great independent newspaper La Prensa, announced today that he planned to return to Buenos Aires from exile early next week.

"Having fulfilled my engagements and preparations, I plan to return to Buenos Aires the early part of next week," said Dr. Gainza.

It had been presumed, since the overthrow of the Argentine dictator, Juan Peron, in September, that La Prensa, which Peron seized and made a propaganda organ, eventually would be restored. But no definite announcement has been made as yet.

Peron forced the closure of La Prensa in 1951, formally seized it and turned it over to the Argentine General Confederation of Labour, chief instrument of his power.

Honoured

Dr. Gainza Paz was forced into exile. He went first to Uruguay, across the River Plate in a sailboat, where he already had planned to visit his mother on her ranch. He learned on his arrival that a Congressional Committee had ordered him imprisoned for 15 days.

Dr. Gainza Paz later came to New York. In the United States, he was honoured wherever he went for his long fight to maintain La Prensa as an independent newspaper and his refusal to follow the Peron Party line.

Dr. Gainza never lost confidence that La Prensa would be restored to him.

As soon as Peron was overthrown, he started to complete his remaining engagements and make preparations for his return home.—United Press.

Police End Woodward Shooting Investigation

New York, Nov. 22.

POLICE withdrew today from the investigation of the shotgun slaying of millionaire sportsman William Woodward, Jr., last October 30, and said they were satisfied with his widow's story that it was an accident.

Nassau County Detective Chief Stuyvesant Pinnell said any further questioning of the widow, Mrs. Ann Woodward, would be up to District Attorney Frank A. Gulotta and the Grand Jury. The police, he said, have "completed our investigation."

The 39-year-old society matron has said that she fired two blasts from a shotgun at her husband in the darkened hallway of their lavish Long Island home, thinking he was a prowler.

Aged 10 Years

"She has aged 10 years since I questioned her in the hospital," Pinnell said.

Mrs. Woodward was weeping, left the Manhattan Hospital yesterday, after having been under treatment for shock for almost three weeks.

Dressed in black, and weak from grief, she was taken from the hospital directly to Mineda police headquarters, where she was questioned by Pinnell and Gulotta for three hours.

Gulotta said afterward that the information she had given "does not materially alter our opinion of the case."—United Press.



The mother of 22-year-old local income tax clerk Michaelis Karalis is led away from the court at Nicosia, Cyprus, after hearing the rejection of her son's appeal against the death sentence imposed on him following conviction of the murder of a British constable. His lawyers will now appeal to the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council in London. Another result of the upholding of the death sentence is that the island's British military governor, Field-Marshal Sir John Harding, has received leaflets from the underground terrorist organization EOKA threatening that if Karalis is executed they will counter with the killing of "several Englishmen."—Express Photo.

WOMAN CANNOT BE TRIED BY MILITARY

Washington, Nov. 22.

A Federal Judge ruled today that wives accompanying their servicemen husbands overseas cannot be tried by a military court martial.

US District Judge Edward A. Tamm declared unconstitutional a section of the 1950 Uniform Code of Military Justice giving courts martial jurisdiction over "persons accompanying the armed forces without the continental limits of the United States."

He handed down the ruling in ordering Mrs. Clarice B. Covert, freed on a habeas corpus writ from District of Columbia jail, where she has been held awaiting an Air Force court martial in the execution of her husband.

He based his decision on a recent ruling of the Supreme Court in the case of Robert W. Toth, 24-year-old Air Force veteran accused of murdering a Korean civilian.

Unconstitutional

The High Court held it was unconstitutional for Congress to give the armed forces authority, in the Uniform Code of Military Justice, to arrest ex-servicemen for court martial after they had been honourably discharged.

Mrs. Covert was tried and convicted by an Air Force court martial of killing her husband, an Air Force Major-Sergeant, with an axe while they were stationed in England in 1953.

The US Court of Military Appeals reversed her conviction on technicalities and she has been held in jail here awaiting a new trial.

The court record contained testimony that Mrs. Covert, who had been under care of an Air Force psychiatrist, calmly informed her doctor one day that "I killed Eddie last night."

Five psychiatrists testified at her trial that she was suffering from a severe mental disorder. But she was convicted and sent to the Federal Reformatory for Women at Alderson, West Virginia, to begin serving a life term. Her third child was born at the reformatory.

The appeals court ordered a new trial for her on grounds the court martial had not properly treated the psychiatric testimony.

Scotland Yard Announces Reshuffle

London, Nov. 22.

A reshuffle at Scotland Yard, the London police headquarters, was announced today. This was believed to be a sequel to last week's disclosure of a number of cases of corruption in the ranks.

Under this reshuffle, a senior police officer was placed on the retired list and three others were transferred to other posts. Sir John Nott-Bower, London police chief, formally denied newspaper reports that as many as 450 police officers would be transferred as a result of the corruption scandal. —United Press.

Cypriot's First Appeal Fails

Civil Servants May Get More Pay, Shorter Holidays

London, Nov. 22.

Thousands of Britain's Government civil servants will get pay increases, shorter hours — and shorter holidays — if Parliament adopts the report of a Royal Commission of Inquiry published last Thursday.

The Commission, set up in 1953 to examine pay and conditions in the service, proposes salary increases of £1,500 sterling yearly for top-ranking administrators, whose pay structure, it argues, must take account of what "Big Business" offers managerial chiefs.

But it warns that the pay of the top civil servants—which the taxpayer has to meet—should not try to "match the highest rewards" open to the chief men in industry, or create a national standard.

The pay changes affect 723,721 civil servants.

Increases are recommended throughout lower grades but coupled with a proposal that overtime and extra duty allowances should be abolished.

Out Of Line

"We are satisfied the present practice whereby civil service office staffs work regular overtime is not found in outside employment and that it is an inefficient and uneconomic practice," the 12-member Commission states.

The Commission states that civil service arrangements for annual leave are "much out of line" with those commonly found in broadly comparable employment.

The Commission concedes the absence of a five-day week in the civil service may be an impediment to recruitment, and

says that a five-day week should be aimed at.

First stage should be the introduction of a 10½ day fortnight, it considers. At present the staffs work five and a half days a week. —China Mail Special.

Ghost Ship Stops Divorce Proceedings

Action Against Skipper

Cardiff, Nov. 22.

THE unknown fate of the South Seas mystery ship Joyita halted a divorce action against its vanished skipper today.

His estranged wife, Mrs. Ismay Beatrice Matilda Miller, asked through her lawyer that the divorce suit be suspended until the world learned what happened to the Joyita and the 25 persons aboard it. The vessel was found stripped of its gear and without a soul on board or a clue to where they went.

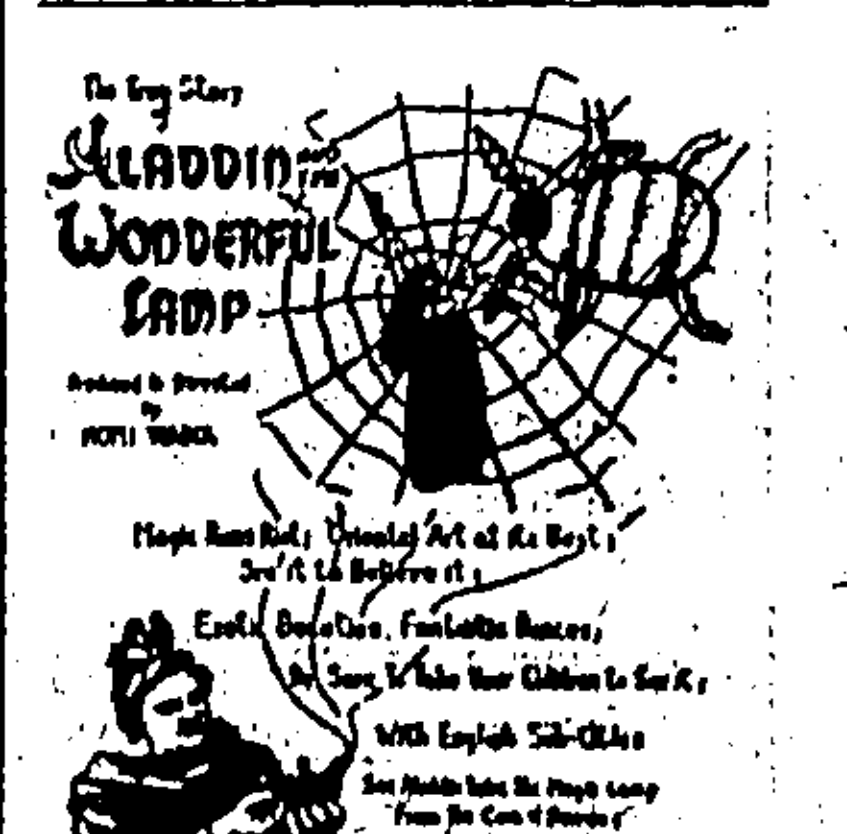
Mrs. Miller was suing Capt. Thomas Henry ("Dusty") Miller on grounds of desertion when his ship was found abandoned off Suva, Fiji.

Adjournment

When the case came up today her lawyer David Rowland testified: "The ship has been found abandoned hundreds of miles off course. There had been fire on board and no trace was found of the destiny of any of the passengers. The suggestion has been made that the Joyita was attacked by pirates, but the matter is wrapped in considerable mystery."

He asked an adjournment until definite information is received on the fate of Capt. Miller and his passengers.

"It may well be," ruled Divorce Commissioner O.T. Temple-Morris, "that this unfortunate respondent may no longer be alive." He adjourned the case sine die.—United Press.



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YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 1 Mornes, 7 Esau, 9 Libe, 10 Gills, 11 East, 13 Restaurant, 15 Tell, 16 Muse, 19 Partridge, 23 Silt, 24 Tired, 25 Stern, 26 Fete, 27 Outing, Down: 3 Oaths, 5 Arena, 6 Statue, 8 Reluctant, 9 Peer, 11 Rinto, 12 Tails, 15 Rampa, 14 Theatre, 17 Spills, 18 Stimulo, 20 Inest, 21 Ocho, 23 Item.

NATHANIEL GUBBINS

THE news that 63-year-old Homer A. Tomlinson, already "King of America" and leader of a New York sect, has now crowned himself King of England with a cardboard crown has brought a little gaiety into a rather dreary week.

In fact, I think more people should crown themselves king or queen (you can't have too many in a real democracy) because there are so many of us who know how to run the country.

Although I am not smart enough to do that I would like to try my hand at being king for a little while.

So for the next few minutes you may assume that I have crowned myself King Nat I. of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and Our Dominions Overseas, that our cardboard crown is on our head, that our power is absolute, and we hereby issue our decrees, to be observed on pain of imprisonment by our beloved subjects.

Our royal pleasure

WE first decree that our not-so-beloved subject, to wit, Mr. Bloodsucker, the income-tax collector, shall forthwith cease to pester us with forms we do not understand and for money we cannot afford to pay and probably do not owe.

We further decree that should he ignore our royal command he shall be cast into prison during our royal pleasure, which will be for a damn long time and a great pleasure to us.

As it has come to our notice that the underscriving are being knighted and enabled to such an extent that it has now become an honour not to be knighted, we hereby decree that all plain citizens, self-seekers, aspirants, and those who "know the right people" shall never again appear in the Honours List and shall further more be deprived of honours already awarded.

We have noted with interest in one of our newspapers that a road-sweeper has demanded that tax-payers of his calling should be knighted with the title "Master of Road-sweeping".

As a useful and indispensable subject in our realm, his request shall be granted.

Silencers for dogs

IT has also come to our august notice that our scientists and doctors are concerned at the effect of noise on the health of our distracted people.

Although our scientists are engaged in the suppression of noise caused by jet aircraft nothing is being done by our absurd legislators to make it compulsory to fit silencers to the exhausts of motor-bicycles and their horrid little brothers, the buzz-bikes.

We therefore decree that all such silencers shall be fitted forthwith, and that furthermore silencers shall be fitted to all barking dogs by their owners on the pain of imprisonment.

Talks with a fairy

MR Alastair Alpin MacGregor has written to a newspaper asking if any reader would care to submit an authentic account of having seen, or been aware of the presence of a fairy.

He wants all details, including a description of clothing worn.

I am one of the few people in the country who has been on speaking terms with one of the Little People.

She was the Fairy Wishful Thinking, who haunted me during the last war. She was about 3in tall with a "comfortable" little figure. Although I never look at her measurements I would say they were, roughly, bust 3in, waist 2in, and hips 1in.

Her frizzed hair was brassy blonde, darker at the roots and along the parting, which suggested the use of a peroxide wash.

Mr MacGregor may be interested to know that she never wore gossamer, but sensible, wartime clothes, miniature slacks, woolen jumpers, a scarf. Sometimes there was a little tin hat on her head. A tiny respirator was usually slung on her shoulder.

She also carried a doll's handbag and was always dabbling at her ridiculous little nose with a grubby powder puff.

The fairy would appear in my work room without warning usually sitting cross-legged on the carriage of my typewriter. As she had an irritating personality, always "looking on the bright side," I tried to throw her off by banging the carriage off by banging the carriage.

violently from left to right; but she always kept her seat and good temper, shaking her head over my gloomy appearance and what she called my "twenty-past-eight mouth."

The Fairy Wishful Thinking knew every platitude in the language. Her opinion was the opinion of the last newspaper she had read.

She smiled strongly of cheap perfume, was practical and sensible and as English as a pillar-box, a very rare thing among fairies who, I believe, are usually of Celtic origin.

Old folks at home

YOU might have thought the old people in Britain suffer enough.

They are not allowed to earn more than £2 a week without forfeiting part of their retirement pension.

The demand for higher wages in the coal mines will mean that they soon won't be able to keep themselves warm in the winter. Rising food prices mean that they won't even be able to keep their insides warm.

Now the brutal young people of Edmonton have written to the mayor's secretary asking him to leave pudding and mince pie out of the old folk's Christmas parcels because this food "is too heavy for anyone over 70."

The votes of 1,500 old folk of Edmonton quavered back: "We're strong to take mince pie and Christmas pud, and plenty of it."

A further fiendish plot to make declining years miserable has been revealed by a spokesman at St Francis Hospital, East Dulwich.

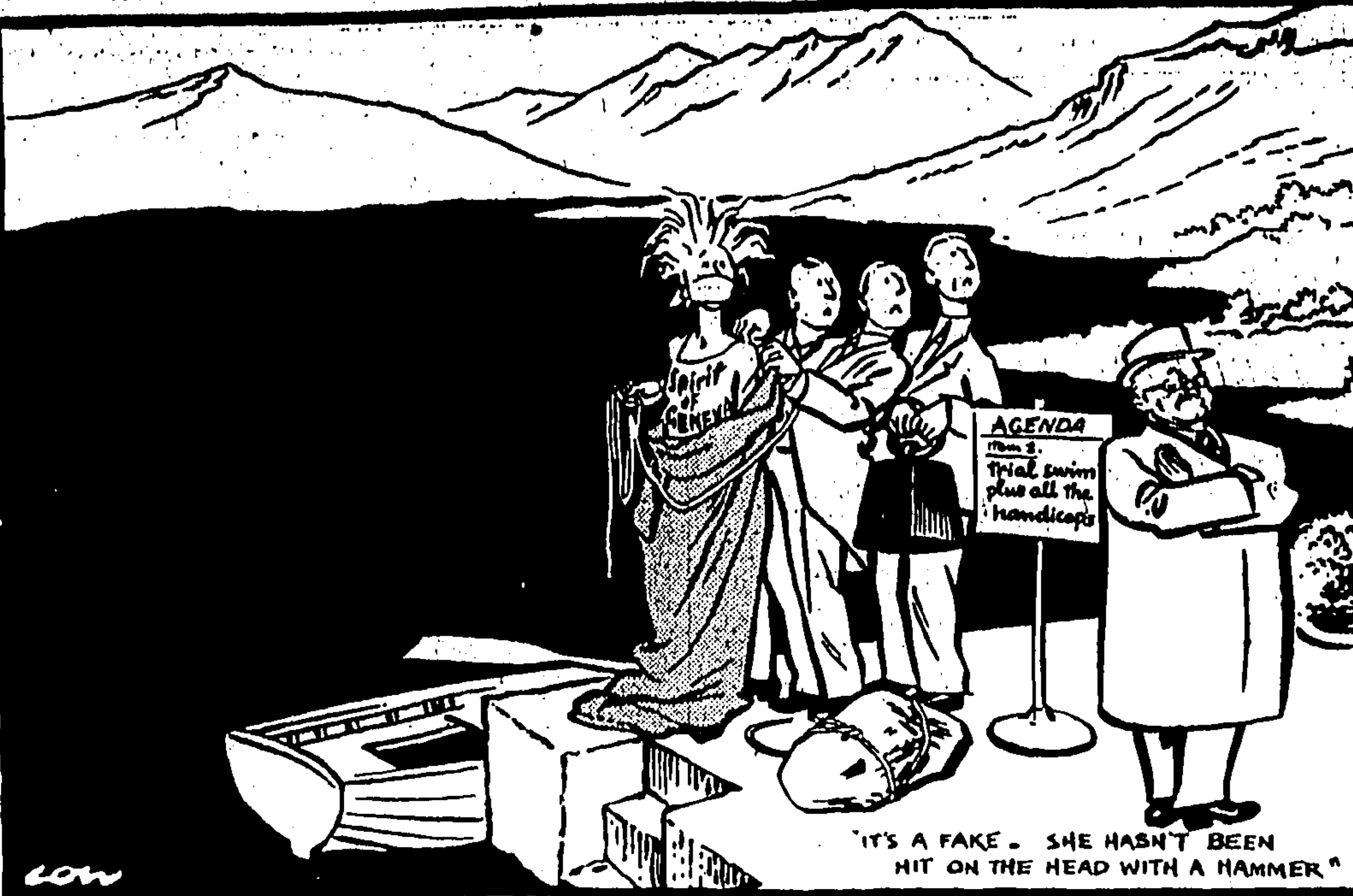
At least of £250 ancient outpatients there are to be given a course of gymnastics "to keep them lithe and active and out of bed."

Even worse, "discharged patients will be followed up." It means what I think it means: some kind of physical jerks instructor will call at their homes.

"Wake up, Mrs Gumpson, on the 'mids down, Arms bend. But I was no warm in bed." "Nothing like exercise to keep you warm, Mrs Gumpson. And take that smile off your face."

"That wasn't a smile. It was a twinge of me rheumatism." The £250 would have been better spent on coal for the fire, mince pie, and Christmas pud. And plenty of it.

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Want a New Kick Out of Living? Then—

LIE DOWN AND R-E-L-A-X

By Mary Hampson

THE voice said scornfully, "civilisation is just a pain in the neck." Then the owner of the voice did what felt like a handstand on my shoulder blades, and I began to understand.

For at least ten minutes I'd been resisting all entreaties to relax. Apparently I didn't know how.

I'd never had a massage in my life before, and the masseuse was fascinated to discover that I wasn't just

unrelaxed, I was locked! Apparently my back muscles did everything except twang with nervous tension.

I gather I'm not the only one.

When she wasn't lashing out with rabbit punches for my own good, the masseuse complained bitterly about the number of people who think they have rheumatism, fibrositis, neuritis and sprained muscles. In the back, not to mention

"There's nothing wrong with them at all. They just don't know how to relax." Neither did I. I not only had a pain in the neck, I had a broken back as well after her first onslaught; then suddenly I began to see what she meant.

"Look at a cat," said my masseuse, doodling on my spine so heartily I thought she must be wearing knuckle-dusters. "It knows how to relax. You're a y i n g — financially and physically — because you've forgotten!"

"Remind me to remind myself again, if I get out of here intact," I groaned.

WELL-BEING

But the truth was, that after half an hour I began to feel a most unaccustomed sense of well-being. The world was a better place, and I was so relaxed I wasn't safe!

"If you want any further evidence," said the masseuse, following up her advantage, "just look in any chemist's shop. There's the evidence. You can buy pills to speed up your mental processes, and pills to calm them down."

"You have to have a prescription to be soothed, encouraged, rejuvenated, cheered. You can't cope with civilisation. I've told you—it just gives you a pain in the neck. And don't forget, when you have a spare moment, just take another look at the cat."

I began to wonder just how many people know how to relax, and if they knew, I wondered how they did it.

I remembered that Somerset Maugham once described how he relaxed and made his mind receptive by sitting in a darkened room, gazing at a candle flame. Indian fakirs reach the same state by sitting cross-legged with their eyes rolled into the back of their heads and drifting off into a reviving trance.

The Chinese never used to soothe and refresh the mind by letting their fingers enjoy the exquisite carved jade ornaments they held in their hands.

Great mystics have described the exquisite calm to be reached through repeating endlessly the sacred syllables.

CROSS-LEGGED

Maybe, I thought, but you can't sit cross-legged on a contract waiting to see the light.

There must be a less obtrusive way to relax. There must be a less expensive way than paying a masseuse.

I asked one or two men and women who lead the sort of life where it's imperative to relax. People in show business, like Olive Gilbert and Roy Nicholas.

As artists, they are poles apart, but they relax the same way—by lying flat on the floor. Joy, who is pulling no punches, says: "I'm sitting on the floor, with my arms and legs spread out like a starfish. I'm relaxed."

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The Lady In The Tower

— By —
ANNA LANDAU

"OF course I have no garden here," said Mrs Sitwell, adding casually, "but I grow my bulbs in the dungeons."

The dungeons are downstairs as one would expect. But Mrs Sitwell lives where one would not expect—above Traitors' Gate in the Tower of London. From her kitchen window Mrs Sitwell has a fine view of the Bloody Tower. She can also keep an eye on the precious objects housed in the Wakefield Tower.

The objects are the Crown Jewels, and her husband, Major-General Hervey Degge Sitwell, is the Keeper of the Jewel House. "I'm really a sort of nightwatchman," he says. "The chap who gets hanged if anything goes wrong."

TWIN TURRETS

The Sitwells have a flat in St. Thomas's Tower, a building with a split personality. Its twin turrets are connected by a long bridge which forms the spine of the flat. Mrs Sitwell's dressing-table sits prettily in one of the turrets, on the spot where Sir Walter Raleigh is supposed to have been married to Elizabeth Throgmorton.

With its 18th century vaulting, the place looks so much like a film-set for a medieval Merrie England that only the sight of the thick stone walls and the river outside brings one back to the reality of the Tower.

But the crusty atmosphere hangs over the other rooms, too. Heads of moose and deer gaze down on the dining-room table. A tiger skin ("Shot in India, 1928," says the general) stretches limply over the hall floor. The furniture, the Sitwells' own, is solid, antique, like the surroundings.

THUMB-SCREWS

But keeping house in the Tower is disappointingly prosaic. There are no ghosts and domestic arrangements are the same as everywhere else. There is no central heating, but all stoves and electric fires help to keep out what the Sitwells call London's muck.

And the dungeons make up for a lot. Though, as dungeons, they proved very disappointing. Bright, quite airy, with coal fires, the cells were, wine-bottles instead of thumb-screws, and, of course, the bulbs.

General Sitwell was leading the way, when I saw it. A flagstone which looked as if it must swing back and reveal the moss-covered steps, the dank underworld. "That's just the gas and electricity meter. No outlets, if that's what you're thinking."

PECEANTRY

Even so, the five Sitwell grandchildren, aged from two to 14, "simply adore coming to stay."

But life against this background of permanent pageantry has one grave drawback. "You are subject to being shut up, or locked out," explained the general.

"Every night at ten o'clock there is the Ceremony of the Keys, when all the gates are locked. After that you've got to give the password. I suppose you could get in after twelve—never tried it myself."

The tourists—900,000 last year—could be a nuisance. Mrs Sitwell often has to ask if she might be allowed up her front steps.

And it's certainly a busy place to live. The tugs "talk to each other" on the river. At night the sentries march up and down. "But I like that," says General Sitwell. "I feel I'm still among soldiers."

General Sitwell visits the Jewel House fairly frequently. From time to time he and the Crown Jeweller decide that the jewels need cleaning, but the security arrangements are kept secret. The Queen occasionally sends for one of her crowns, and then the responsibility passes over to the Dean of Westminster.

THE VALUE?

What are the Crown Jewels worth? "I have no idea whatsoever," says their Keeper. "Any shot at the value is a pure guess." Some guesses put it at £5,000,000, though their value as the traditional regalia of the monarchy is incalculable.

General Sitwell tells how, wherever his war service took him, there was immediately a raid. Newcastle, Bristol, the Coventry blitz.

But there hasn't been a successful raid on the Jewel House since. Colonel Blood's attempt in 1671, a General, said well is hoping that luck will last.

RUSSIA'S LONG-TERM AIMS IN INDIA

By James Wickenden

RUSSIA has long had the great aim of winning India into the Communist orbit. The visit of Bulganin and Krushchev to Delhi is the latest of Moscow's moves to this end.

The way has been prepared by two events: Nehru's visit to Russia and the deliberate sacrifice of the Communist Party of India by Moscow in the crucial Andhra state elections last summer.

Closer relations between India and Russia have thus been made possible. They were stimulated by the "Geneva spirit," and India's view that the Communist-Egyptian arms deal was in the "spirit of neutralism."

The visit of the top Russians is not in itself expected to produce startling results. It can almost be guaranteed that there will be no revelation of a secret pact or of an arms deal.

The predictable pattern will be that India has done everything in her power to honour two distinguished visitors. Then, after a few weeks, Indian papers and radio can be expected to hedge. There will be qualifications that "nevertheless Nehru was careful to point out that

there are fundamental differences between the two countries."

What then are the dangers? There are three: In Nehru himself; in the deteriorating British-Indian relations; and in the Hindu and separatist movements within India.

Nehru holds the reins of power strongly enough for him to risk the experiment of marrying Russian materialism with English constitutionalism. He wants Russian power stations because he is an avowed reformer. He was so impressed by Russian productivity during his visit that he thinks they can deliver one on better terms than those offered by the West. He is optimistic by nature and believes he can play with the Russians without being burnt.

But the flaw in his policy may be to underestimate the Russian will—and to overestimate his continuing grip on India.

For the Russians may well believe it will pay to launch a realistic "Gift War" in India as well as the Middle East. The essence of this is to buy goodwill by handing over material and plant at knock-down prices; scrupulously to avoid planting agents for as long as ten years, then infiltrate.

By the time the Russians release propaganda teams from their "wooden horses," (the power plants), Nehru may be on the way out of power. There is as yet no one in sight with his stature to replace him.

By then also, the senior ranks of Indian political life will be changed. Those with a British liberal outlook, trained in the old Indian Civil Service, will have gone.

Even in the last ten years, there has been a big "shift" today. Far fewer officials have British friends.

Britain has also reduced her information services in India.

and the recent Delhi trade fair showed that London is not making much effort to advertise herself there.

But in the foreground is the more serious rise of anti-British feeling in India which has grown with the Goa campaign. British newspaper cuttings criticising the Indian attitude are circulated in Delhi offices to inflame stuffs. British journalists have been almost hounded by critics.

Little of this campaign has washed back to the shores of England, and little notice has yet been taken in Parliament. But although perhaps a passing phase of unreasoning passion, it will leave a mark—the kind of small cloud the Russians will be expert at inflating.

Finally, there is the growing restiveness throughout India. Hundreds of different movements, religious, political, racial, linguistic and cultural, are raising their own banners in the name of multitudes of ideals. Some are for one-language-states, others for land reform.

And above sectarianism, from the fortress-like, red government buildings in Delhi, come the edicts and pleas and promises for the next Five Year Plan.

There is a struggle for the soul of India—an ideological contest which runs deep and will last long. The question yet unanswered is where the soul of India lies. In the politicians? The prose and intellectuals? The Hindu extremists? The peasants?

Those who go to India to find the centre of thought, return baffled; for in none of these levels can it be truly said that the "dynamism" comes from within.

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ILLICIT DIAMOND MINERS PAY TO DIG ILLEGALLY

Blama, Sierra Leone, Nov. 22.

Illicit diamond miners are becoming so numerous in Sierra Leone that they now have their own security force and pay money for the privilege of digging illegally.

In recent months, the number of illicit miners has been growing at an alarming rate. Teachers and clerks are almost as numerous in the diamond fields as farmers and labourers.

Some areas are particularly well organised. In these, to become an illicit diamond miner everyone has to pay a fee of between £5 and £10 for a pass known as the "right to mine illicitly".

Once the money is paid and the ticket issued, the would-be miner can go ahead. He is told the area of land which he can work and is not likely to be disturbed if he keeps to it.

But if he fails to pay his fee to those in charge of the area in which he is working, he is not likely to stay long. If he insists on working after being warned, he will probably disappear and will not be heard of again.

Will Be Attacked

Should he stray from the land which has been allocated to him, his neighbours will attack him. Then, if he gets away with severe injuries, he will be considered lucky.

Landowners are often the men in charge of the area and it is to them that verbal application has to be made for a mining "license".

It is in the Kono area that a lot of this mining takes place. Up to now, the only legal diamond mining that has been allowed has been carried out by the Sierra Leone Selection Trust who had a monopoly agreement with the Government.

But with illicit diamond mining becoming so rampant, the Government has come to terms with the Selection Trust and hopes, early in the new year, to introduce legal diamond mining for Africans outside the area of about 400 square miles already being worked by the Trust.

Even the announcement of the proposed agreement has not slowed down the rush to the illicit areas. These are invariably swamp lands in the middle of the lush or scrub forest.

The illicit miners work under appalling conditions. A number of them, perhaps 30, will work a clearing which they have made in the forest each keeping to a well-defined plot of land.

Gang Wars

There will be pits, underground tunnels and quite deep shafts, all dug with spades and few of them propped up. The result, quite often, is that there are earth subsides and men are buried. Death can easily come in this way, as in the case of one miner who was killed by a cave-in.

Each gang of four or five men will employ their own watchman who, at night, guards their particular claim, probably with an ancient flint-lock gun to enforce his authority. During the day time, there will be men up in the trees round the whole area, each with a gun which they will fire in warning should they sight another gang approaching or, more likely, the police on a raid.

To the illicit diamond fields go also the African buying agents and the traders. The agents wait on the edge of the digging area with suitcases stuffed with pound notes. They are good judges of diamonds, which the illiterate diggers often are not—and pay on the spot, usually about one tenth of the real value of the find. About 60 per cent of the diamonds from Sierra Leone are gem stones.

Difficult Job

Then the traders move in to make their money. They produce tinned food, beer and other essentials and their prices are never less than 300 per cent above those in the nearest town.

The police have the most difficult job trying to arrest illicit diamond diggers. The police are few and the area covered enormous, without roads or even, quite often, any clearly marked tracks. On one raid recently a band of 30 police tried a flanking attack— for once they set off in the general direction of an illicit diamond field fast runners from local villages, in the pay of the diggers, will go ahead to give the alarm.

So the police walked through the forest, starting off in the general direction of the area, swimming the rivers and going up to their knees in mud in the swamp areas. Before they got within striking distance of the mining area, however, the guards in the tree tops had seen them and every one disappeared into the dense forest.

Sometimes, the police are lucky. They have only to find a man digging, or being in an illicit mining area, or even possessing one diamond for him to be charged. The penalty for any of these offences is very high.

When legal diamond mining for Africans becomes possible, official buyers will pay the diggers far higher prices than they can hope to get now. This should stop most of the illicit digging and with the Chiefs and their people co-operating in an all-African venture it is hoped that law and order will be restored.—China Mail Special



Chinese Women's Delegation In Karachi

Karachi, Nov. 22

Madame Li Teh-chuan, China's Minister of Health, arrived here tonight at the head of an eight-woman delegation representing women organisations in China. They were on an official three-week visit to Pakistan.

Madame Li was greeted at the airport on arrival by Colonel Hamid Nawaz, chief of the foreign protocol department, and leading spirit of the Pakistani feminist movement AOWA.

Among other delegates were Madame Chen Shing, a correspondent of the New China News Agency, and Madame La Hsia, a politician in the Moslem province of Sinkiang.—France-Press.

Dr Ines Martini, an Italian heroine doctor and radium researcher, was presented with the Gold Medal during a ceremony in the Great Hall of the Milan Museum of Science and Technique. While working in the Ancona Public Health Centre, Dr Martini suffered serious internal injuries as a result of radium burns. Her husband—an Army Lieutenant who has only recently been released from Soviet captivity—hopes that his wife will be saved by Italian specialists, but many of them think that Dr Ines Martini is doomed. Picture shows: Dr Ines Martini with her husband at the conferring of the Gold Medal in the Great Hall of the Milan Science Museum.—Express Photo.

Reward For Heroine

IRAQ ROYAL ROMANCE DENIED

Rabat, Nov. 22.

Reports that the Sultan of Morocco's eldest daughter will marry young King Faisal of Iraq are "without foundation," an official spokesman of the Imperial Palace said today.

Reports from Cairo said the 70-year-old king's uncle acted as go-between for a marriage with teenage, French-educated Princess Lalla Aicha when he called on the Sultan last week.

The Palace spokesman said, "This news is devoid of all foundation."

The spokesman said Sultan Sidi Mohammed ben Youssef got a royal invitation to visit Iraq while he was in Paris, but that no decision had been made about it.—United Press.

PRISON RIOT DEATHS 4

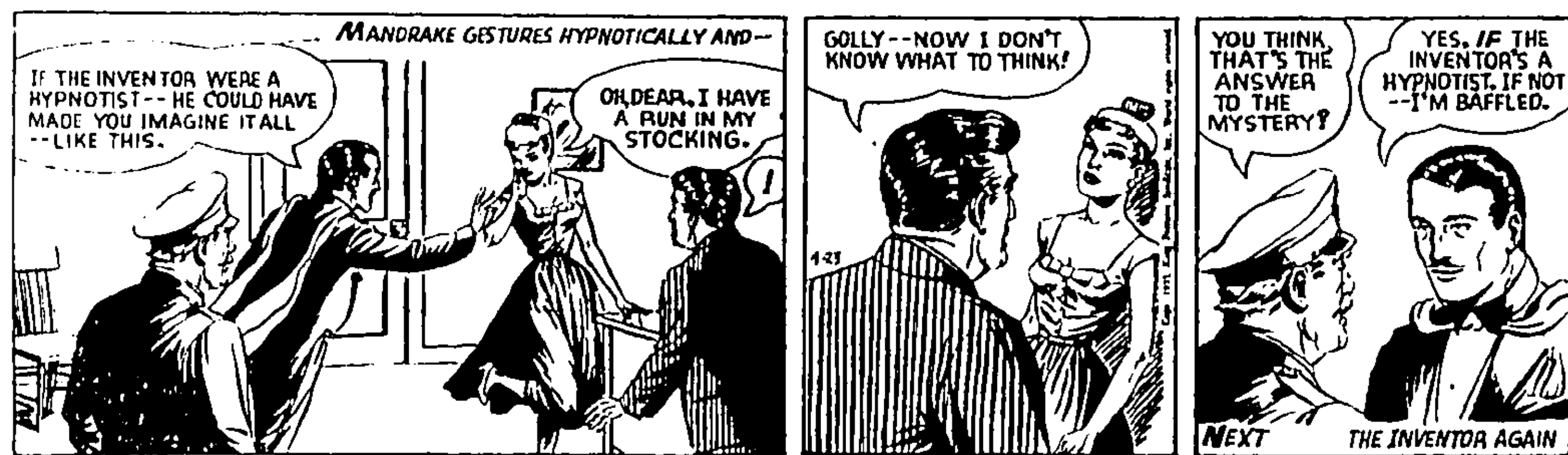
Casablanca, Nov. 22.

The death toll rose to four today in the riot of political prisoners which occurred in a civilian prison here last Saturday.

Earlier, three Moroccan prisoners died from injuries inflicted by the police who used tear gas to quell the riot. Another injured prisoner died today.—France-Press.

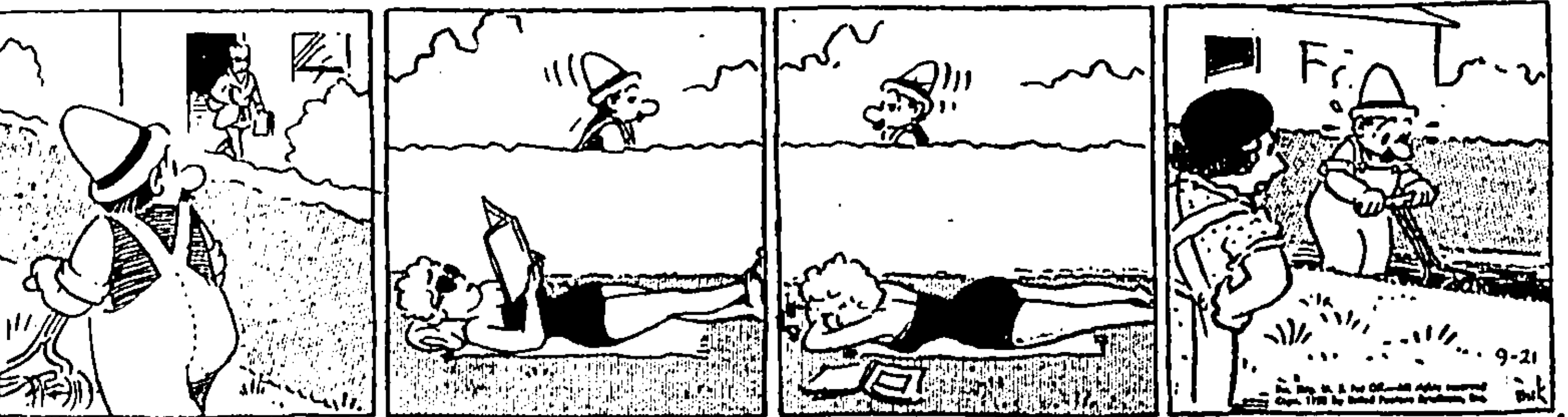
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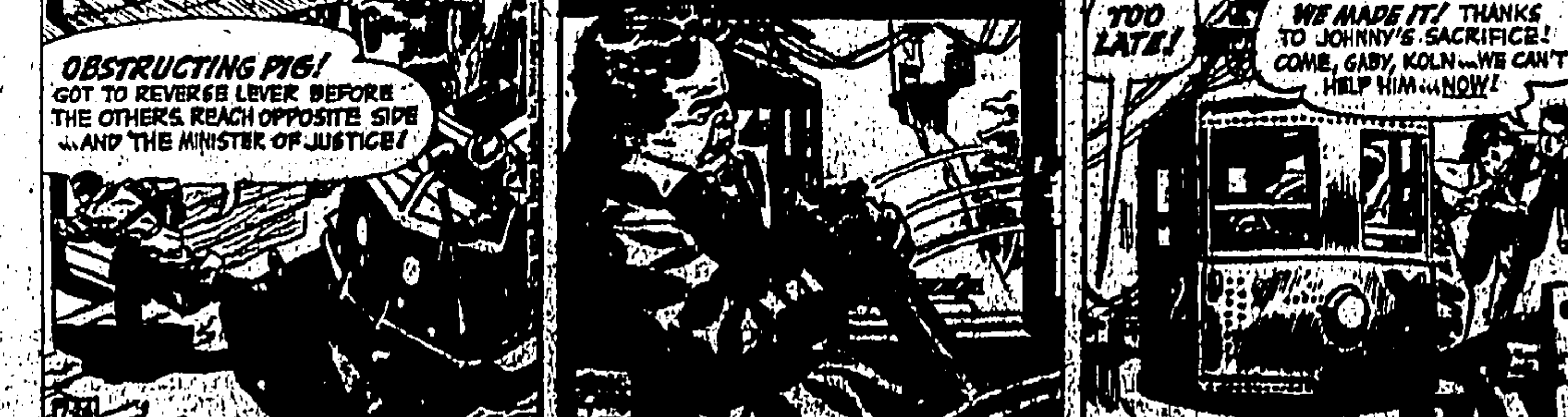
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New Road To The Clouds Reveals An African Switzerland

Maseru, Basutoland, Nov. 22.

Southern Africa's "Switzerland" has been opened up to the world with a spectacular new £250,000 "road to the clouds" which is due to reach the heart of Basutoland's 11,000 feet high "Alps" sometime next year.

Engineers working on the road call it the toughest job they have yet handled on the African continent.

Miles of the road have had to be blasted through wild, rocky terrain, sometimes along precipitous cliff faces and at altitudes where winter temperatures have frozen fresh eggs solid and immobilised transport with frozen batteries.

Work on the road, financed by the Basutoland Government and grants from Britain's Commonwealth Development Fund for this piece of British-run territory inside South Africa, began in 1951.

Replace Paths

Linking Maseru, the Basutoland capital, with a central point over 80 miles away to the east, among the peaks of the territory's mountainous interior, the road will replace ancient bridle paths for transport of mountain wool and wheat yields as well as provide exciting new scenery for travellers penetrating the Tibetan atmosphere of Basutoland's fastnesses.

Originally it was hoped to push the new road immediately right over the "roof" of Basutoland from west to east to give South Africa a new communication route between the Orange Free State and Natal. But that must wait for more funds.

A handful of white technicians and supervisors with an African labour force are now in their fifth year of living "on the road", moving their camp of prefabricated huts or tents each year further into the

From the first 2,000 feet rise, out of the foothills to the 7,200 feet high Bushmans Pass, an endless panorama of mountains and valleys unfolds for more than 50 miles of the eastern horizon.

For years, it has been a remote world, shared only by a blanket-robed inhabitants of Basuto mountain villages, their cattle, sheep, goats and soaring birds of prey.

Completion of another ten more miles of road to a mountain area where it is planned to establish a new Central District for Basutoland will soon give travellers a three-hour motor run to a point of the Basutoland interior which was formerly three days' journey by pack pony from Maseru, or a short but hazardous flight by aircraft.

It will open up regions so remote that few white people except government officers, missionaries, lonely traders and a few hardy tourists accustomed to days in the saddle and nights under canvas yet know.

Remote Regions

Tourist agencies anticipate considerable traffic for the road when it is ready. The day it can be carried through to meet the Natal border over the breadth of the great Drakensberg mountain range, it may be classed as one of the scenic highways across the "roof" of southern Africa.

Touching an altitude of nearly 10,000 feet at one point, the new road is one of the highest in the world and already an attraction for many pioneering drivers, including American tourists who have tried the climb, just to go up and come down again.

Apart from scenery, the Basutoland mountains, with many streams and waterfalls, are said to have some of the best trout fishing in Africa. Whatever size fish may run there, Basutoland can already claim the highest waterfall in Africa, the spectacular 630 feet Matetsi Falls.

Paintings Found

Bushman paintings are frequently found in Basutoland mountain caves, relics of an earlier age. More recent discoveries are fossilised footprints of the great dinosaurs, which once inhabited this continental area.

All these travel assets may become of considerable financial value to Basutoland's limited economy if the new mountain road can be developed as a tourist highway through the country.—China Mail Special.

